## Joseph Sassoon Semah - Bushuis Oost-Indisch Huis & Duitsland Instituut



Bushuis - Ooost-Indisch
Huis, UvA,
Kloveniersburgwal 48,
Amsterdam
Installation Joseph
Sassoon Semah: 24
March - 24 June 2022

Duitsland Instituut, UvA - SPUI25 - 7 april 2022, 17.00 hrs

Meeting: Footnotes accompanying the work of Joseph Beuys and Joseph Sassoon Semah

&

A Meeting with Hans Peter Riegel (Switzerland), Dr. Arie Hartog (Director Gerhard-Marcks Haus Bremen) and Joseph Sassoon Semah, under the direction of Professor Ton Nijhuis (Director DIA)

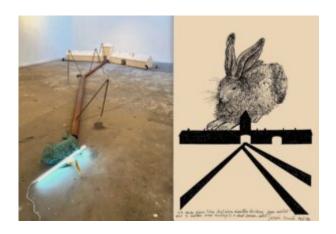
Introduction by Hans Peter Riegel, author of the four-part critical biography about Joseph Beuys, 'Beuys, Die Biografie', the standard reference to Beuys.

### Reservation

SPUI25: <a href="https://spui25.nl/programma/footnotes-to-the-work-of-joseph-beuys/make">https://spui25.nl/programma/footnotes-to-the-work-of-joseph-beuys/make</a>
<a href="mailto:reservation">reservation</a>

Art cannot be seen disengaged from society - which political, social and cultural implications does Joseph Beuys' work show us? How do work and politics relate in Beuys' work, what is myth and what is reality? Did Beuys free art of power and financial gain or did he use his art with the purpose to forget or idealize his own

war history and that of Germany? Does his transformation from perpetrator to victim fit into post-war Germany? How did Beuys use his 'visual codes', that have disappeared, and secret symbols?



Do works of art lose their magic when the imagery is based on a myth and lies?

What role do the German art world and politics play to promote Joseph Beuys to one of the most important post-war artists?

How must we interpret Beuys in this celebratory year 2021/22?

'On Friendship / (Collateral Damage) IV - How to Explain Hare Hunting to a Dead German Artist [The usefulness of continuous measurement of the distance between Nostalgia and Melancholia]' ('Hasenjagd' is the code word for killing Jews during World War II) centers on Joseph Beuys and Joseph Sassoon Semah takes us on a journey of critical analysis of Beuys. Linda Bouws is the curator.



Joseph Sassoon Semah, has done extensive research into Joseph Beuys' work, values and ideas and based on this research and texts he will analyse the deeper meaning of the (secret) symbols used by Joseph Beuys for 'On Friendship / (Collateral Damage) IV- How to Explain Hare Hunting to a Dead German Artist [The usefulness of continuous measurement of the distance between Nostalgia and Melancholia]'. He

reacts to them using new monumental sculptures and a series of old and new drawings, performances, texts and meetings.

This project wants to raise public awareness about the missing information on Joseph Beuys.

Information that has been disregarded during this celebratory year or has been evaded to avoid uncomfortable confrontations. A new project about the reading of Beuys 'shrouded' art by the Jewish-Babylonian artist Joseph Sassoon Semah.

We cooperate with among others with Gerard-Marcks-Haus Bremen, Goethe-Institut Amsterdam, Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam, Deutsche Bank, Lumen Travo Gallery, Redstone Natuursteen & Projecten, Maarten Lutherkerk, Advocatenkantoor Birkway, Landgoed Nardinclant/Amsterdam Garden, Geestelijke Gezondheidszorg Amacura and The Maastricht Institute for the Arts. After completion of the manifestation a complementary publication will be compiled.

© Stichting Metropool Internationale Kunstprojecten
The project is realised in part with the support of Mondriaan Fund, the public
fund for visual art and cultural heritage and Redstone Natuursteen & Projecten.





## Lumen Travo Gallery - Amsterdam: Joseph Sassoon Semah - Solo exhibition 'On Friendship / (Collateral Damage) IV

Joseph Sassoon Semah - Solo exhibition 'On Friendship / (Collateral Damage) IV

Lumen Travo Gallery - Jan. 22 - March 12, 2022. Lijnbaansgracht 314, 1017 WZ Amsterdam On the occasion of his solo show at Lumen Travo Gallery, Joseph Sassoon Semah takes us on a journey of a critical analysis of Joseph Beuys and the Germany's post-war history.

(see

http://www.lumentravo.nl/exhibitions#on-friendship-collateral-damage-iv-how-to-explain-hare-hunting-to-a-dead-german-artist-the-usefulness-of-continuous-measurement-of-the-distance-between-nostalgia-and-melancholia



On Friendship / (Collateral Damage) IV
How to Explain Hare Hunting to a Dead German Artist
[The usefulness of continuous measurement of the distance between Nostalgia and Melancholia]

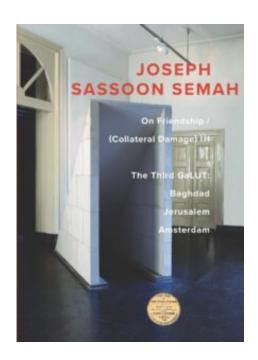


Exhibition curated by Linda Bouws

## Linda Bouws ~ Joseph Sassoon

## Semah: Re-Thinking The Concept Of GaLUT, Re-Claiming The Lost Culture

### Click to enlarge







The spokes spire in branch of the state of minded and behavior and with these companions of all managements of the design of the design control of the design of the desig

















(the effect) of their, the tredicities proved appear to a special for the construction of their Day of their set of their decisions by the effect of their set of their set of their set of their payment or entire and card the protected by

Note the Stitument Service have the at approximate hours the string James Stitum, Navethors SS, 200 Stormans or of the storm with early a process stormans or our window the small process from an extreme or not only of the small process from desirts of the highly shall pay of the file of the highly shall pay the shall pay the file of the file of the shall be the storm of the payment one.

Teach dealers



The control of the co

in this investible occurre speece, describe forecase forecast againing and as a public conference state or American all anticipations. Melli state and to the authors, or a restition for time for class. Was 1945 and also fore

By manage in recognised as again in the Australia Mealer Salas. And report for the artists are not represented as the end of the contraction. The salas and it of cone is careful after the means and

### MATCH IN MATCH

We are not to problem to consider the design of Michael to Michael to the Consideration of the Consideration of the collection of Michael to Michael to Michael to the the text of the Michael to the Consideration of the Consideration of the Michael to Mi

The Track/CER's EVECTA repaired in RTS Person repaired bring the Section (
Makes in Programmer - SETT desire) for Personality of College College (
Section 1) and College College College College College (
Section 1) and CER's College (
Section 1) and CE

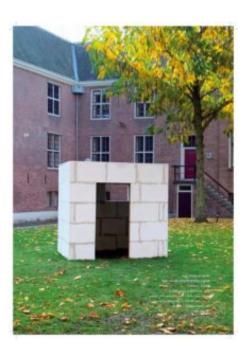


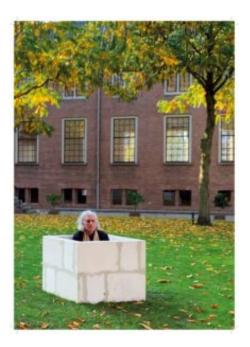
Section of the control of the contro

Summy dies of the mediatories of Chillege (Inc.) and the property of the Street Societies (Inc.) and the Inc. of the Street Societies (Inc.) and the Inc. of the I

have expert, we have a to power to the college or provided by the AM toucher in the AM toucher the stocks or a read appear physics, a least or interference and pages or when you concentration or the extremely and and whom you can be only you paths though throughts.

This you'd least be content from the uses going to be proced in Registed in Form of the by register Main Things, the surregister of Assessor Sensors, precribite "Machino Sonal Sensors Engineers asked (SMR 1074 has not yet more soon and horizons of the usey pasts).













From: Linda Bouws & Joseph Sassoon Semah (Eds.) - Joseph Sassoon Semah - On Friendship/(Collateral Damage) III - The Third GaLUT: Baghdad, Jerusalem, Amsterdam, 2020. ISBN 978-90-361-0601-6.

To order the book, please send e-mail to Stichting Metropool Internationale Kunstprojecten, € 39,95 excl. shipping costs, rek.nr. NL 42 INGB 0006 9281 68 o.v.v. On Friendship III, please add name & address. Contact: <a href="https://www.metropool-projects.com/contact">https://www.metropool-projects.com/contact</a>

Photo's: Ilya Rabinovich

# On Friendship / (Collateral Damage) IV, November 11, 2021, Goethe-Institut Amsterdam, Performance

On Friendship / (Collateral Damage) IV

How to Explain Hare Hunting to a Dead German Artist

[The usefulness of continuous measurement of the distance between Nostalgia and Melancholia]

(September 2021 - June 2022)

A critical project concerning post-war artist Joseph Beuys

Created by Joseph Sassoon Semah, curator Linda Bouws

Joseph Semah

Beuys and Wolf Vostell - Zwischen Dichtung und Wahrheit

GOETHE-INSTITUT AMSTERDAM,

11 November 2021

Performance

Joseph Sassoon Semah with friends:

Baruch Abraham

Roel Arkesteijn

Masja Austen

Peter Baren

Uzi Heymann (piano)

Bülent Evren

Jom Semah

Yvonne Strang

### Els Wijnen

Two postwar German Artists - Wolf Vostell / Joseph Beuys.

As will be clear, both of them became the [symbolic] Victim;

Joseph Beuys a volunteer soldier in the Third Reich transformed himself into the Victim of the Nazi-Era, and with him, West-Germany will cure itself.

On the other hand, Wolf Vostell simply transformed himself into a Jew, i.e. the Victim.

The Christian legend concerning The Wandering Jew [The Eternal Jew] is as old as Christianity.

In the year 1602, a pamphlet in the German language [8 pages] has been published, entitled – "Kurze Beschreibung und Erzählung von einem Juden / mit namen Ahasverus" [A Brief Description and Narration Regarding a Jew / Named Ahasuerus].

This pamphlet is considered to be an influential work on Christian's thoughts concerning the Jew.

The pamphlet describes a meeting between Paulus von Eitzen and the so-called 'The Wandering Jew" who claimed to be punished directly by Jesus – that is to say, that the Jew named Ahasuerus had been doomed by Jesus to wander the rest of his life till the second coming of Christ.

"......The Lord Christ as he was led past under his cross, had rested against his [the Jew] house for a moment: as this was brought to his [the Jew] attention by several onlookers he had walked up to where he [Jesus] was: and had scolded at him and had told him to clear off/ to go there where he was destined to go. Christ had then fixed his gaze on him and had spoken to him more or less these words: I want to stand still and rest / but you should go......"

Camera & editing: Bob Schoo, http://www.n-p-n.info

http://www.josephsassoonsemah.nl/onfriendship4/

© Stichting Metropool Internationale Kunstprojecten 2021

### The Art Of Cooking - Iraqi Dolma



Jom Semah 2021

Dolma is no doubt a classic middle eastern dish - yet every country has its own version.

It is basically stuffed vegetables with a filling of rice and meat mixture!

Although the Greek version might be the most recognized version - the Iraqi dolma has unique sweet and savoury flavours!

### *Ingredients:*

Small paprikas any color

Small eggplants

2-3 Large hard tomatoes

Grape leaves

2 Large onions

A couple of potatoes

500 gram Basmati rice

300 gram Ground beef or lamb

A nice large can of tomato paste

4 cloves of Garlic

Olive oil

Fresh parsley

Pomegranate Molasses or Syrup

500 ml of vegetable or beef stock

Salt

Pepper

Cumin powder

Paprika powder

Coriander powder

1 Lemon

How to prepare the vegetables:

So first we are going to prepare the vegetables -to be stuffed later on.

First, cut the heads of the eggplants and remove the insides (Do not throw the insides away.)

Cut open the top of the tomatoes and scoop out the inside seeds (Do not throw the inside away.)

Peel the onions, cut open on one side, and separate all the layers, then boil some water and simmer the onion layers and the grape leaves for about 2 minutes and remove.

Cut the stems off the grape leaves and the softer edges to form the grape leaves into sheets.

How to make the stuffing of the vegetables:

Place the washed rice in a large bowl, the ground meat, the insides of the tomatoes, and the eggplants. Finely slice some garlic as well as parsley and add to the bowl!

Add half a cup of pomegranate molasses, squeeze some lemon juice, and a couple of tablespoons of olive oil into the bowl.

Continue adding a tablespoon of cumin, paprika, coriander powder, 2 tablespoons of salt, and some black pepper depending on preference.

Make sure to mix well and then your stuffing is ready!

Let's stuff the tomatoes, the eggplant, and the paprika – it should be an easy task – simply stuff the vegetables and close the top like a lid.

Next, the stuffing of the onions is a bit tricky. Place a bit of stuffing on 1 side of the onion layer and roll it to resemble a dumpling shape, if the onion layer is not big enough, you can always add another layer of onion over the first one.

Now the grape leaves, place them flat like a piece of paper or like a sushi roll, and make sure the veiny side is pointing up. Place some stuffing in the middle of the leave towards you, fold the sides onto the stuffing and roll it to close it tightly!

### Cooking the dolma:

Cut the potatoes into large slices and place them in the bottom of a big pot (this

will prevent the vegetables from sticking, and by that to make them super tasty).

Now, stack the stuffed vegetables, the stuffed grape leaves, and the stuffed onion on top of the potatoes in any way you like – if you have any leftover stuffing, you can make small meatballs and add them as well to the pot.

Add a bit of olive oil and cook on medium heat for 15 minutes with the lid on, while cooking you can prepare the juice to add.

In a bowl mix the stock with a large tablespoon of tomato paste, pomegranate molasses, some lemon juice, add some salt and pepper, and mix until dissolved.

When the 15 minutes are over, remove the lid and gently pour the liquid into the pot until covered and place the lid back on, and then turn the heat down low.

Cook for 40 minutes, and when done let it rest for 10 to 20 minutes.

Traditionally the food should be flipped onto a big plate; if you choose this way, make sure to do it with confidence!

This dolma dish is definitely the star of the show, for some serving tips I recommend eating it with fresh salad, and maybe bread, and some dipping sauces.

Enjoy!

## On Friendship / (Collateral Damage) IV - A Critical Project On Post-War Artist Joseph Beuys



On Friendship / (Collateral Damage) IV - How to Explain Hare Hunting to a Dead German Artist [The usefulness of continuous measurement of the distance between Nostalgia and Melancholia] (September 2021 - June 2022)

A critical project concerning post-war artist Joseph Beuys

Created by Joseph Sassoon Semah, curator Linda Bouws

### © Stichting Metropool Internationale Kunstprojecten

### Introduction

In 2021/22 the 100th anniversary of the birth of artist Joseph Beuys will be celebrated in Europe, among others with the special event 'Beuys 2021. 100 years'. Twelve cities and twenty institutes in Noordrijn Westfalen in Germany will be organizing exhibitions, theatre and other activities to celebrate this anniversary. (see for more info <a href="https://beuys2021.de/en">https://beuys2021.de/en</a>).

Joseph Heinrich Beuys (1921, Krefeld- 1986, Dusseldorf) is one of the most influential German post-war artists, who became particularly famous for his performances, installations, lectures and Fluxus concerts. But who was Beuys truly? Joseph Beuys mythologized his war history as a National Socialist and Germany's problematic and post-traumatic past. After Word War Il Beuys transformed himself from perpetrator to victim. His service in the Luftwaffe did not offset his artistic practice. During this 100-years event none of these controversial aspects of Beuys' work, values and ideas are focused upon. As part of this celebration it is high time to add a more critical eye on Beuys' work and his relationship to Germany's post-war history.

### Project

On Friendship / (Collateral Damage) IV -How to Explain Hare Hunting to a Dead German Artist [The usefulness of continuous measurement of the distance between Nostalgia and Melancholia] ('Hasenjagd' is the code word for killing Jews during World War II) centers on Joseph Beuys and Joseph Sassoon Semah takes us on a journey of critical analysis of Beuys. Linda Bouws is the curator.

Art cannot be seen disengaged from society - which political, social and cultural implications does Joseph Beuys' work show us?

How do work and politics relate in Beuys' work, what is myth and what is reality? Did Beuys free art of power and financial gain or did he use his art with the purpose to forget or idealize his own war history and that of Germany? Does his transformation from perpetrator to victim fit into post-war Germany? How did Beuys use his 'visual codes', that have disappeared, and secret symbols? How must we interpret Beuys in this celebratory year 2021?

Joseph Sassoon Semah, has done extensive research into Joseph Beuys' work, values and ideas and based on this research and texts he will analyse the

deeper meaning of the (secret) symbols used by Joseph Beuys for 'On Friendship / (Collateral Damage) IV- How to Explain Hare Hunting to a Dead German Artist [The usefulness of continuous measurement of the distance between Nostalgia and Melancholia]'. He will react to them using new monumental sculptures and a series of old and new drawings, performances, texts and meetings.

This project wants to raise public awareness about the missing information on Joseph Beuys. Information that has been disregarded during this celebratory year or has been evaded to avoid uncomfortable confrontations.

A new project about the reading of Beuys' 'shrouded' art by the Jewish-Babylonian artist Joseph Sassoon Semah.

We will cooperate with among others with Gerard-Marcks-Haus Bremen, Goethe-Institut Amsterdam, Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam, Lumen Travo Gallery, Redstone Natuursteen & Projects, the Jewish Historical Museum and The Maastricht Institute for the Arts. After completion of the manifestation a complementary publication will be compiled.

Metropool International Art Projects

Contact: Linda Bouws lindabouws@gmail.com Mob +31(0) 620132195

The project is realised in part with the support of *The Mondriaan Fund*, the public fund for visual art and cultural heritage and *Redstone Natuursteen & Projecten* 



